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Kθ	circumferential distortion factor
PLA	power lever angle
PS2	static pressure 0.457 m (17.992 in) ahead of inlet guide vanes, kPa (psia)
PT	total pressure, kPa (psia)
PTINF	free-stream total pressure, kPa (psia)
PT2	total pressure at the engine-face station, kPa (psia)
PT2AVG	average value of total pressure at engine face = $\sum_{n=1}^{n=35} \frac{PT2(n)}{35} \text{ kPa (psia)}$
PT2MAX	maximum value of total pressure at engine face, kPa (psia)
PT2MIN	minimum value of total pressure at engine face, kPa (psia)
RAMP3L	left inlet third ramp angle, deg
WAC	corrected engine airflow, $w2\sqrt{\theta t2/\delta t2}$, kg/sec (lb/sec)
WAC, percent	(WAC/98.43)100, where design corrected engine airflow = 98.43 kg/sec (217.0 lb/sec)
W2	engine airflow, kg/sec (lb/sec)
δt2	corrected average engine-face total pressure ratio
θt2	corrected average engine-face temperature ratio

Superscripts:

- time-averaged data

DESCRIPTION OF APPARATUS

Flight test data were acquired using an F-15 aircraft (fig. 1) at the NASA Ames Research Center's Dryden Flight Research Facility. The F-15 aircraft is a high-performance, twin-engine fighter, capable of speeds to Mach 2.5. It has a high-mounted sweptback wing, twin vertical stabilizers, and a horizontal stabilator.

Propulsion System

Engine

The F100-PW-100 engine (fig. 2) is a low bypass-ratio (0.8), twin-spool, afterburning turbofan. The three-stage fan is driven by a two-stage, low-pressure turbine. The 10-stage, high-pressure compressor is driven by a two-stage, high-pressure turbine. The engine incorporates compressor inlet and rear compressor variable vanes to achieve high performance over a wide range of power settings. Continuously variable thrust augmentation is provided by a mixed-flow afterburner that is exhausted through a variable-area convergent-divergent nozzle. The F100 engine (Serial Number P680059) that had been previously calibrated in an altitude facility for thrust and airflow (ref. 4) was installed on the left side of the aircraft with the PS2 probe mounted on the hub.

Inlet

The F-15 aircraft has two side-mounted engine inlets which are of a two-dimensional horizontal ramp design (fig. 3). The inlets provide external compression with three ramps which feature a variable capture area by rotating the inlet about a transverse hinge point at the lower cowl lip. The ramps and bypass doors are automatically scheduled by the air inlet controller. For the distortion data presented in this report, the third inlet ramp was controlled manually in flight in order to vary the third ramp angle in increments.

DATA ACQUISITION AND REDUCTION

The general data parameters recorded for the test flights consisted of: the standard air data measurements; angles of attack and sideslip; and engine parameters such as rpm, throttle position, guide vane position, fuel flows, nozzle position, inlet variable geometry position, engine-face and turbine-discharge pressures. All steady-state data measurements were recorded digitally by a pulse code modulation system. Before the data were reduced, pretest and post-test zero corrections and power supply voltage corrections were made and applied to the raw data.

Engine Hub-Mounted PS2 Probe

Static pressure at the engine face was measured with four ports on a single probe 90° apart and manifolded to a single pressure line. The four ports on the probe were located 0.457 m (17.992 in) in front of the inlet guide vanes and the probe was mounted on the engine hub (figs. 4(a) to 4(c)). To increase measurement confidence, the single PS2 pressure line from the hub-mounted probe was connected to three pressure lines of equal length. The pressure from these lines was measured by three $\pm 41368.5 \text{ N/m}^2$ ($\pm 6 \text{ psid}$) differential pressure transducers, the values of which were mathematically averaged and added to an absolute reference pressure (fig. 4(c)).

Engine-Face Total Pressure Probes

The total pressure array at the engine face, engine station 2, was mounted in the inlet guide vanes of the engine (figs. 4(a) and 4(b)). The array consisted of seven rakes, each having five total pressure probes located at the center of equal areas. To improve measurement accuracy, $\pm 41368.5 \text{ N/m}^2$ ($\pm 6 \text{ psid}$) differential pressure transducers were used. Reference pressure

for the differential pressure transducers was stabilized by the use of a reservoir tank that was pressurized by an inlet wall static and measured by a 0 to 344737.9 N/m^2 (0 to 50 psia) high-accuracy, digital, quartz transducer (see schematic of pressure instrumentation, fig. 4(c)). All of the transducers were in an environment that was temperature controlled.

Precision of Data

The instrumentation error sources are given in table 1. All of the error sources are predicted random errors. The errors shown include those associated with shifts because of temperature sensitivity, temperature zero shift, linearity and hysteresis, repeatability, and acceleration. The typical error in fan distortion as a function of pressure error was shown in reference 5 to be a normal 3-percent error in fan distortion for a 1-percent error in pressure.

ENGINE-FACE DATA REDUCTION

The engine-face pressure data taken in flight during conditions of high distortion was reduced and used in the calculation of several different parameters. The 35-probe, seven-rake array of total pressure probes at the engine face provided the data necessary to determine variations in pressure across the face of the engine and to arrive at the average value of total pressure (PT2AVG). Distortion parameters were calculated from the same data using analytical methods developed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company for the F100 engine. The rake array consisted of seven rakes with five probes each, providing 35 measurements. The data reduction computer, however, required 40 measurements. A simple substitution technique using adjacent measurement values was employed to add five additional total pressure values; this completed the required set of 40 pressures. This set

was used to compute the values of distortion. When individual probes became inoperative, a replacement value was calculated and used in the distortion calculation.

For the steady-state data shown in this report, PT2AVG and PS2 pressure values were averaged over 5 to 10 sec to eliminate individual pressure fluctuations; these time-averaged pressures are labeled $\overline{PT2AVG}$ and $\overline{PS2}$. However, total pressure values used in the calculation of fan distortion factor (KA2), circumferential distortion factor (K θ), and radial distortion factor (KRA2) were not averaged over time, but were determined from one time frame only. The equations used in the calculation of the distortion descriptors are given in reference 6 and shown in table 2. These distortion factors consist of the fan circumferential K θ , the fan radial KRA2, and the overall fan distortion factor KA2. The radial distortion weighting factor (b, ref. 6 and fig. 5) was developed specifically for the F100-PW-100 turbofan engine.

The distortion factor DTMM consists of the conventional maximum-minus-minimum-over-average total pressure ratio $(PT2MAX - PT2MIN)/PT2AVG$. The equation for DTMM is also given in table 2. Values of DTMM were averaged over the same 5 to 10 sec as PT2AVG and PS2.

TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES

All of the distortion data were taken at stabilized Mach numbers of 0.8 and 0.9 and at altitudes of 9140 and 12,190 m (30,000 and 40,000 ft, see table 3). The left inlet third ramp was driven in steps from the full-up position to the full-down position or until the engine stalled (fig. 6), while the right engine was used to maintain speed and altitude. Each new ramp position, or step, was held for approximately 20 sec, allowing all pressure ratios and

airflows to stabilize while holding power lever angle (PLA) constant. Only run 2 was performed at a PLA setting below intermediate power; hence, run 2-corrected engine airflow was lower than the maximum corrected airflow that was available to the engine during the other three distortion runs.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Low Distortion

The PS2 static pressure probe was tested in an altitude facility on an F100 engine and in flight in the inlet of an F-15 airplane. Steady-state reduced power data obtained at Mach 0.9 and an altitude of 12,190 m (40,000 ft) were compared with data obtained from a different engine in an altitude facility. The data from flight and the altitude facility compared PT2AVG/PS2 pressure ratio with corrected engine airflow (WAC, percent) and showed that no measurable shift in PT2AVG/PS2 occurred with changing airflow (see fig. 7 and ref. 2). Other flight test conditions, including Mach number excursion and maximum load factor turns, also showed good agreement with previous altitude facility test results.

Induced Distortion

Increased levels of distortion in the inlet were induced during flight test by lowering the inlet third ramp in a series of steps (see figs. 3 and 6). With increasing third ramp angle, the inlet throat area was reduced, causing the inlet throat Mach number to increase. When this happened, the $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$ pressure ratio (engine-face Mach number) gradually increased until engine stall occurred. The distortion factors KA2, K θ , and DTMM also increased with increasing third ramp angle (figs. 8(a) to 8(d)). The radial distortion factor KRA2 changed very little. Since the fan distortion factor $KA2 = f(K\theta + b(KRA2))$,

the influence of $K\theta$ and $KRA2$ could be seen in $KA2$. When the distortion factor data from each of the four ramp excursions were combined on one plot (figs. 9(a) to 9(d)), the repeatable nature of each of the distortion factors became evident: $KA2$ and $K\theta$ showed large values of distortion with increasing third ramp angle (figs. 9(a) and 9(b)); $KRA2$ showed a change in slope around 18° third ramp angle (fig. 9(c)); and $DTMM$ did not vary significantly with third ramp angle (fig. 9(d)).

Engine-Face Distortion Maps

The engine-face distortion maps (figs. 10(a) to 10(f)) show increasing pressure distortion as the inlet third ramp angle is increased. The pressure patterns change from the relatively symmetrical shapes of low distortion to the classical 180° distortion patterns seen just before engine stall (depicted in fig. 10(f)). These 180° distortion patterns have relatively large pressure gradients across the engine face with high pressure on the inboard side and low pressure on the outboard side. The series of maps presented in figure 10(a) only represent every other data point evaluated for run 1; however, the distortion patterns seen in this series of maps were typical for all of the distortion changes caused by the ramp excursions. These distortion maps are a graphical presentation of the pressure distributions at the engine face and illustrate the calculated values of the distortion factors $K\theta$ and $KRA2$ when showing whether the increase in distortion is radial or circumferential. The calculated distortion factors $K\theta$, $KA2$, $KRA2$, and $DTMM$, however, provide numerical values that can be better evaluated and compared.

Distortion Correlated With $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$

When the pressure ratio $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$ is compared with distortion factors $K\theta$,

$KA2$, $KRA2$, and $DTMM$, good correlation exists for all factors except for the radial distortion factor, $KRA2$ (see figs. 11(a) to 11(d)). The circumferential distortion factor $K\theta$, shown in figure 11(a), exhibits a good linear correlation with $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$ for all four tests. The effects of free-stream Mach number, altitude, or airflow differences are not evident in the data. The $DTMM$ distortion factor also shows good correlation with no apparent effect of free-stream Mach number, altitude, or airflow differences (fig. 11(b)). The radial distortion factor $KRA2$ (fig. 11(c)) does not increase to a large value, indicating that only a minimal amount of radial distortion could be attributed to the closing down of the inlet third ramp. Therefore, the data from figures 11(a) and 11(c) show that for these conditions, the predominant distortion is circumferential and not radial.

The distortion factor $KA2$ was developed by the engine manufacturer specifically for the F100 engine. This factor consists of the sum of $K\theta$, which correlates well with $\overline{PT2/PS2}$, and $KRA2$ multiplied by the weighting factor b , which is a function of airflow (fig. 5). This can cause $KA2$ to vary with airflow as evidenced in run 2 of figure 11(d). When airflow conditions are constant, $KA2$ correlates very well with $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$ pressure ratio. The distortion value $KA2$ increases rapidly prior to engine stall.

In the preceding sections, it has been shown that during conditions of high distortion at the engine face, near-linear relationships exist for certain distortion parameters. In particular, $KA2$, $K\theta$, and $DTMM$ correlate very well with the pressure ratio $\overline{PT2AVG/PS2}$ for the flight conditions tested. These relationships confirm that the $PS2$ pressure probe can be useful as an engine control parameter as shown in reference 3.

CONCLUSIONS

A hub-mounted probe to measure engine-face static pressure was evaluated in an F-15 aircraft flying at subsonic speeds. The following are concluded:

1. For low-distortion conditions, the ratio of engine-face total pressure to static pressure agreed well with previous altitude facility data.

2. During tests in which the inlet throat area was reduced, large amounts of circumferential distortion occurred, but only small amounts of radial distortion occurred.

3. For high-distortion conditions, the ratio of engine-face total pressure to static pressure correlated well with the circumferential distortion factor $K\theta$, the fan distortion factor KA_2 , and the maximum-minus-minimum-over-average distortion factor $DTMM$.

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TABLE 1. - PARAMETER RANGE AND ACCURACY

Parameter	Units	Range	Accuracy	Resolution	Rms*
PT2	N/m ² d (psid)	41368.5 (6)	±157.2 (±0.0228)	±413.7 (±0.06)	±391.6 (±0.0568)
PS2 (sum of 3)	N/m ² d (psid)	41368.5 (6)	±111.0 (±0.0161)	±193.1 (±0.028)	±375.1 (±0.0544)
Reference pressure (digital quartz)	N/m ² (psia)	0 to 344737.9 (0 to 50)	±137.9 (±0.02)	---	---
PCM error	N/m ² (psia)	- - -	330.9 (0.048)	---	---

*Root mean square = $\left[(\text{accuracy})^2 + (\text{reference pressure})^2 + (\text{PCM error})^2 \right]^{1/2}$

TABLE 2. — EQUATIONS USED IN CALCULATION OF DISTORTION

(a) Fan circumferential distortion descriptor

$$K\theta = \frac{\sum_{\text{Ring}=1}^J \left[\left(\frac{aN}{N^2} \right)_{\max} \right]_{\text{ring}} \times \frac{1}{D_{\text{ring}}}}{\left(\frac{q}{PT2} \right)_{\text{ref}} \sum_{\text{Ring}=1}^J \frac{1}{D_{\text{ring}}}}$$

where

J = number of rings (probes per leg)

D = ring diameter

$\left(\frac{q}{PT2} \right)_{\text{ref}}$ = reference value of engine-face dynamic pressure head; function of engine-face Mach number

$aN = \sqrt{aN^2 + bN^2}$, $N = 1, 2, 3, 4$

where

$$aN = \frac{\Delta\theta}{180} \sum_{K=1}^K \frac{\frac{PT2(K\Delta\theta)}{PT0}}{\frac{PT2}{PT0}} \cos (NK\Delta\theta)$$

$$bN = \frac{\Delta\theta}{180} \sum_{K=1}^K \frac{\frac{PT2(K\Delta\theta)}{PT0}}{\frac{PT2}{PT0}} \sin (NK\Delta\theta)$$

and

$\frac{PT2(K\Delta\theta)}{PT0}$ = local recovery at angle $K\Delta\theta$

$\left(\frac{PT2}{PT0} \right)$ = face average recovery

K = number of rake legs

$\Delta\theta$ = angular distance between rake legs, deg

$\left(\frac{aN}{N^2} \right)_{\max}$ = maximum value for the four Fourier coefficients calculated (normally A1)

TABLE 2. — Concluded

(b) Fan radial distortion descriptor

$$KRA2 = \frac{\sum_{Ring=1}^J \left(\frac{\Delta PT2}{PT2} \right)_{ring} \frac{1}{D_{ring}}}{\left(\frac{q}{PT2} \right)_{ref} \sum \frac{1}{D_{ring}}}$$

with

$$\left(\frac{\Delta PT2}{PT2} \right)_{ring} = \left| \frac{\left(\frac{PT2^*}{PT0} \right)}{\frac{PT2}{PT0}} - \frac{PT2^*_{base}}{PT2} \right| \frac{\overline{PT2}}{PT2^*_{base}}$$

where

$\frac{PT2^*}{PT0}$ = ring average recovery

$\frac{PT2^*_{base}}{PT2}$ = reference radial profile; function of corrected engine airflow

b = radial distortion weighting factor; function of corrected engine airflow

PT0 = free-stream total pressure

(c) Fan distortion descriptor

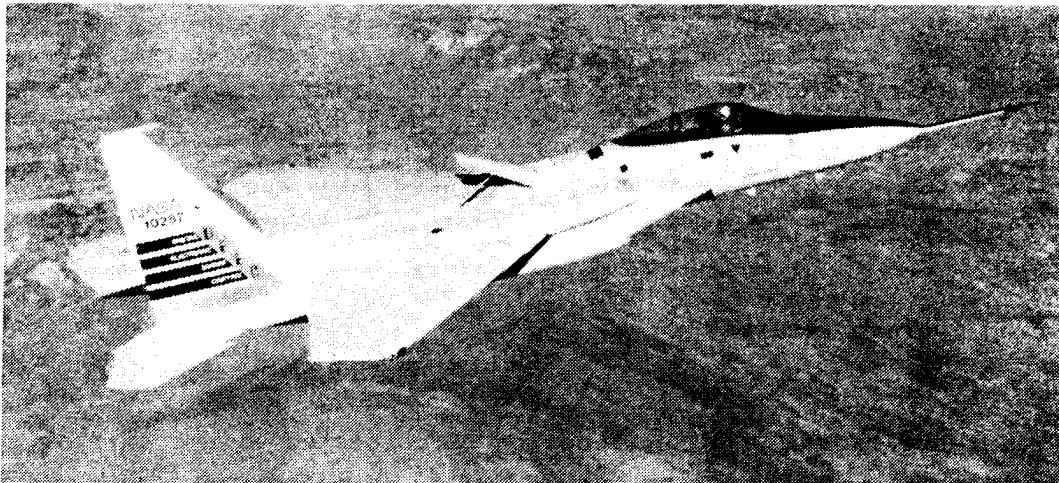
$$KA2 = K\theta + b(KRA2)$$

(d) Maximum-minus-minimum-over-average distortion

$$DTMM = \frac{PT2MAX - PT2MIN}{PT2AVG}$$

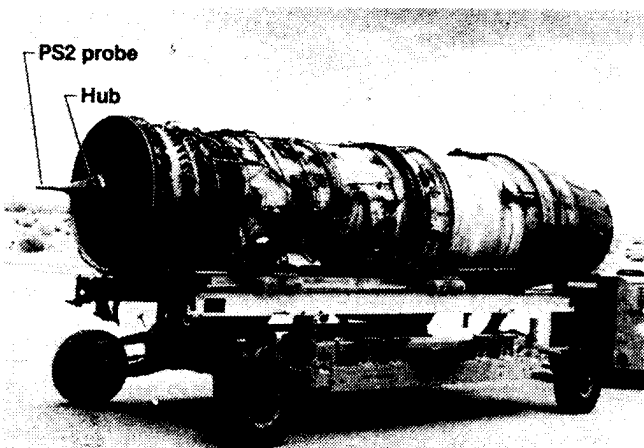
TABLE 3. — SUMMARY OF RUN CONDITIONS

Run	Mach number	Altitude, m (ft)	Cowl angle, deg	WAC, percent	Angle of attack, deg
1	0.9	12,190 (40,000)	8.5 to 7.7	105.5 to 106.5	2.5
2	0.9	9,140 (30,000)	7.3 to 6.7	102.0 to 103.0	1.2
3	0.8	12,190 (40,000)	5.7 to 6.1	105.5 to 107.5	3.6
4	0.8	9,140 (30,000)	4.4	105.5 to 107.0	2.0

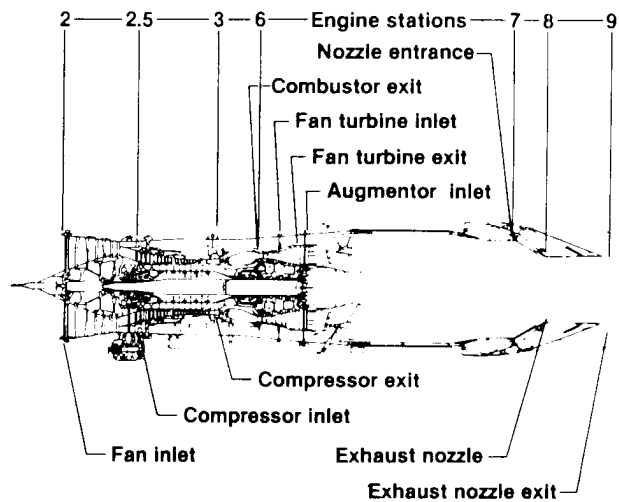


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Figure 1. F-15 airplane.



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(a) Engine, serial number P680059.

(b) Schematic of engine and station.

Figure 2. F100-PW-100 engine with PS2 probe.

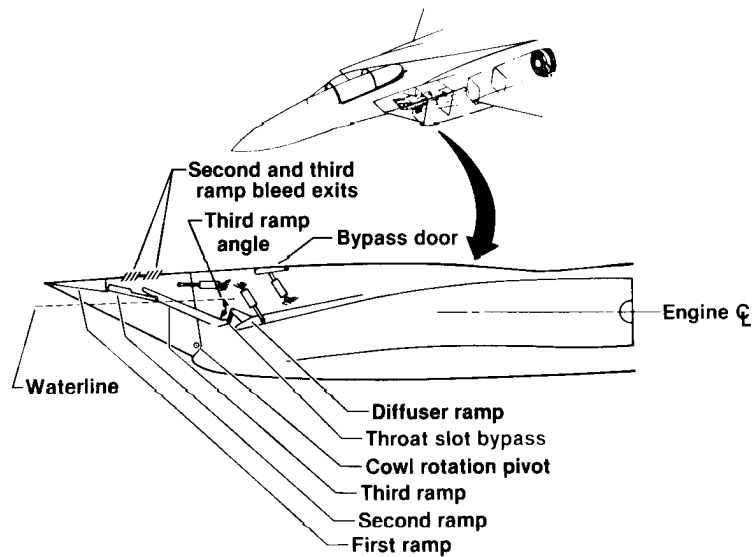
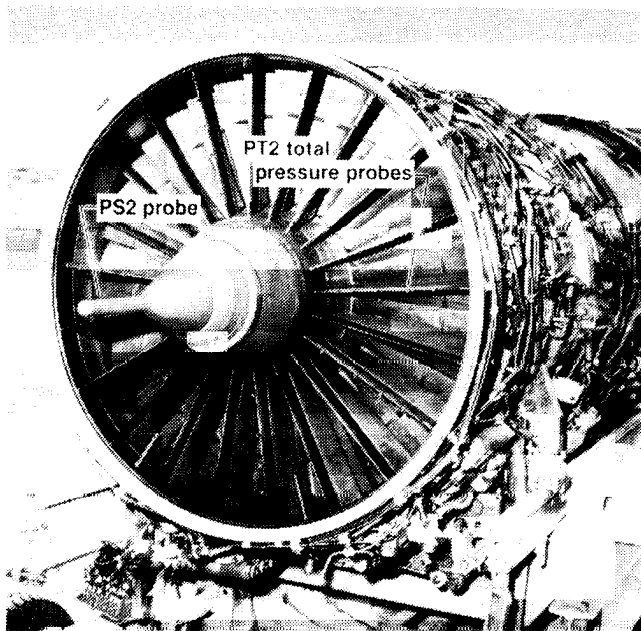
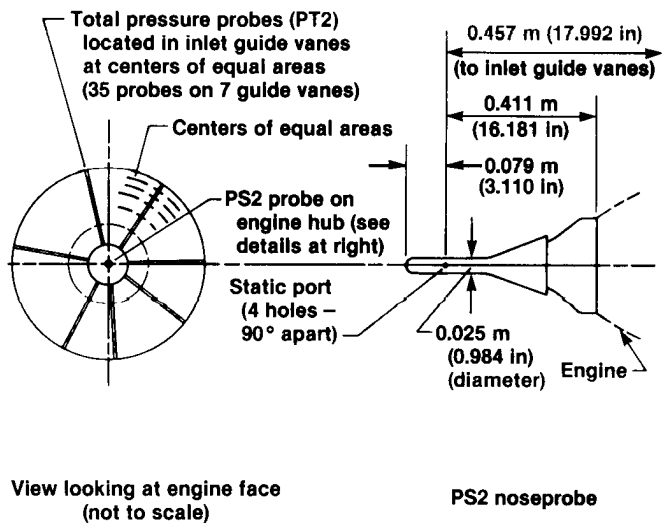


Figure 3. F-15 engine inlet.

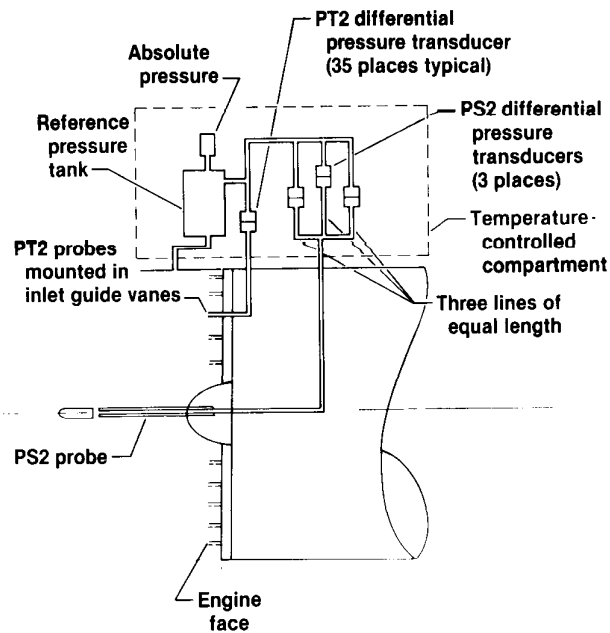


(a) PS2 and PT2 probes at the engine face.



(b) Engine-face pressure instrumentation.

Figure 4. F100-PW-100 engine face.



(c) PS2 and PT2 pressure measurement system.

Figure 4. Concluded.

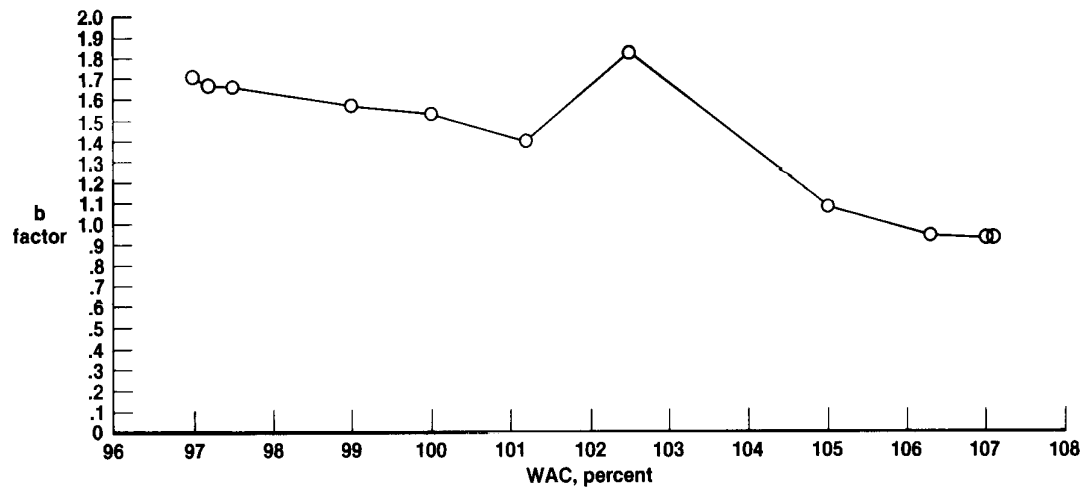


Figure 5. Relationship of b weighting factor as a function of corrected engine airflow.

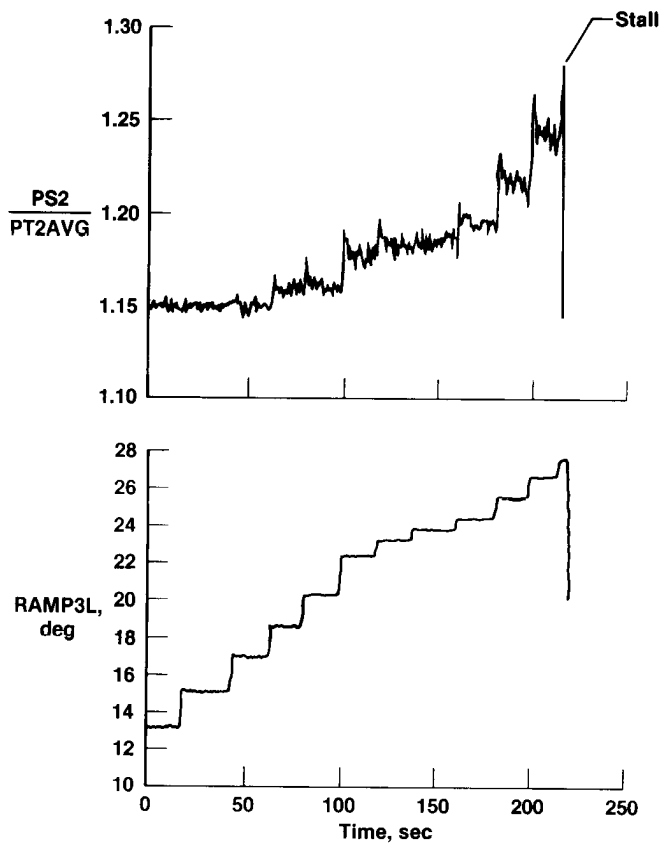


Figure 6. Time history of PT2/PS2 distortion increase as inlet third ramp angle is increased.

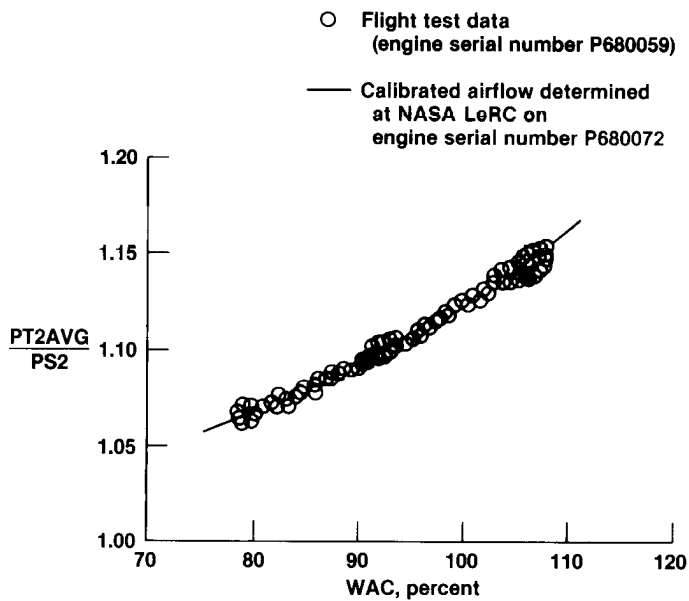
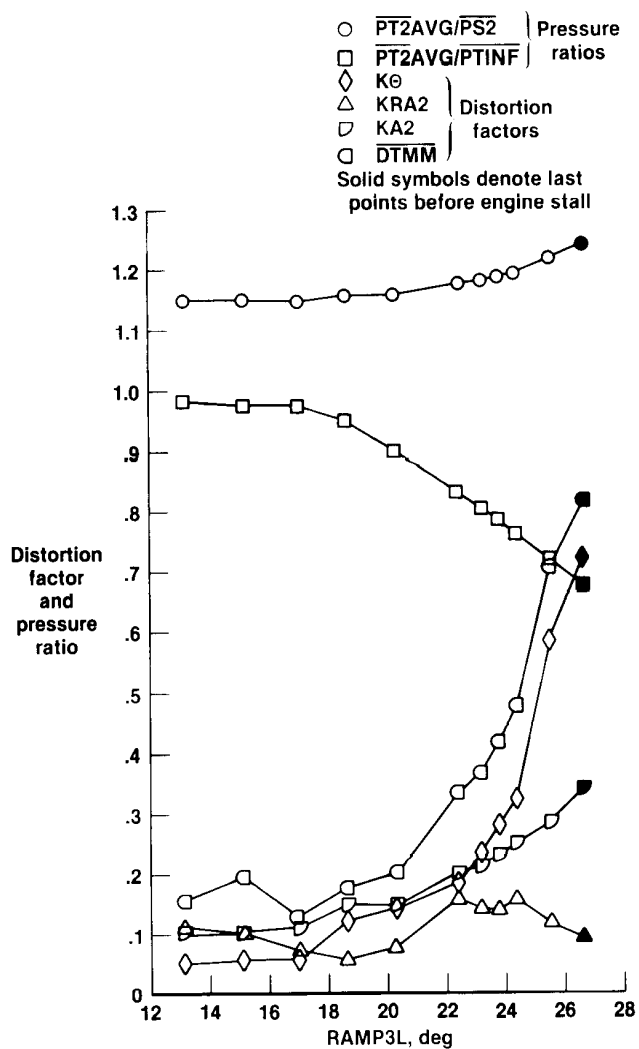
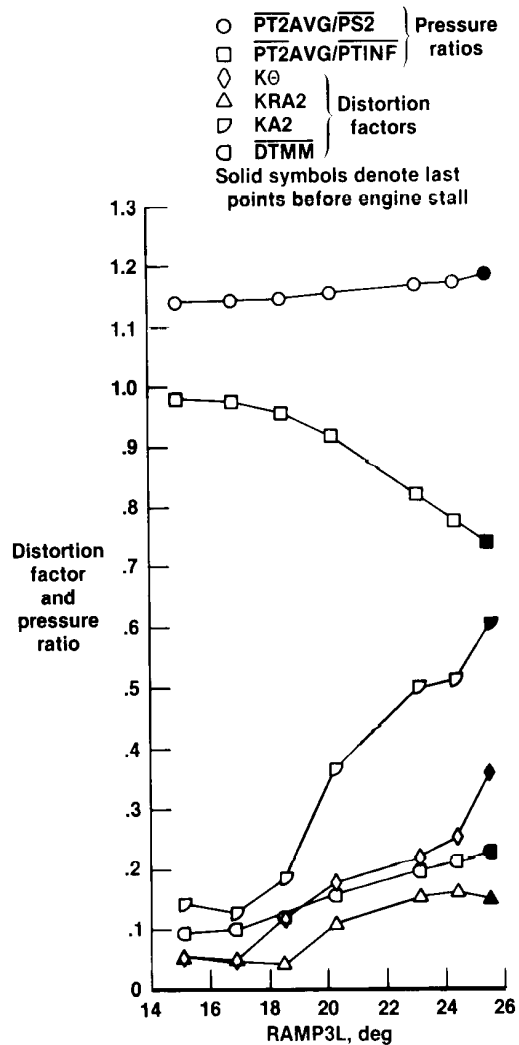


Figure 7. Variation of engine-face total probe static pressure ratio with percent corrected airflow.

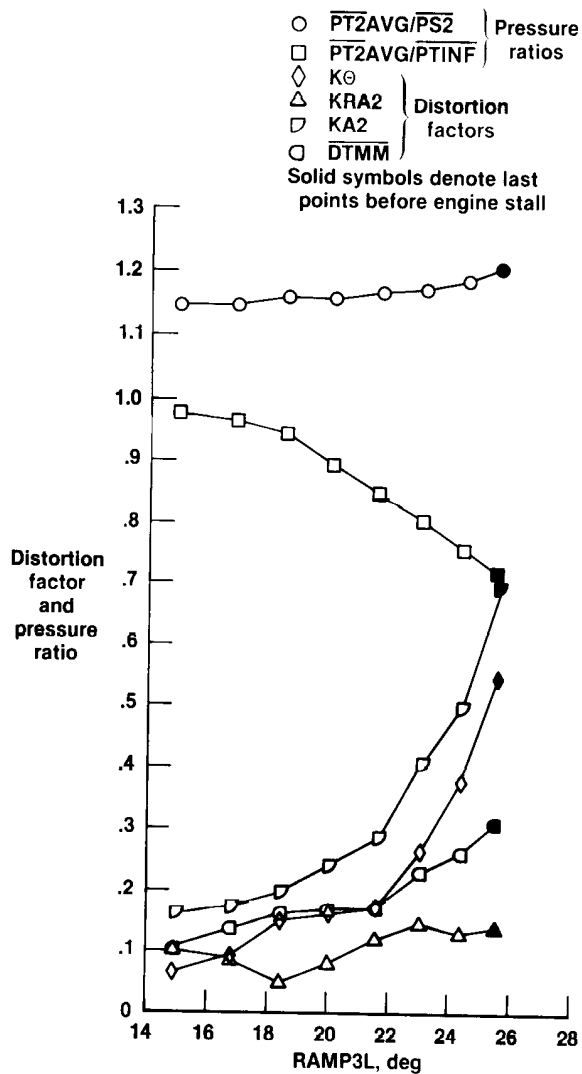


(a) Run 1. Mach 0.9; altitude = 12,190 m (40,000 ft); WAC, percent = 105 to 107.

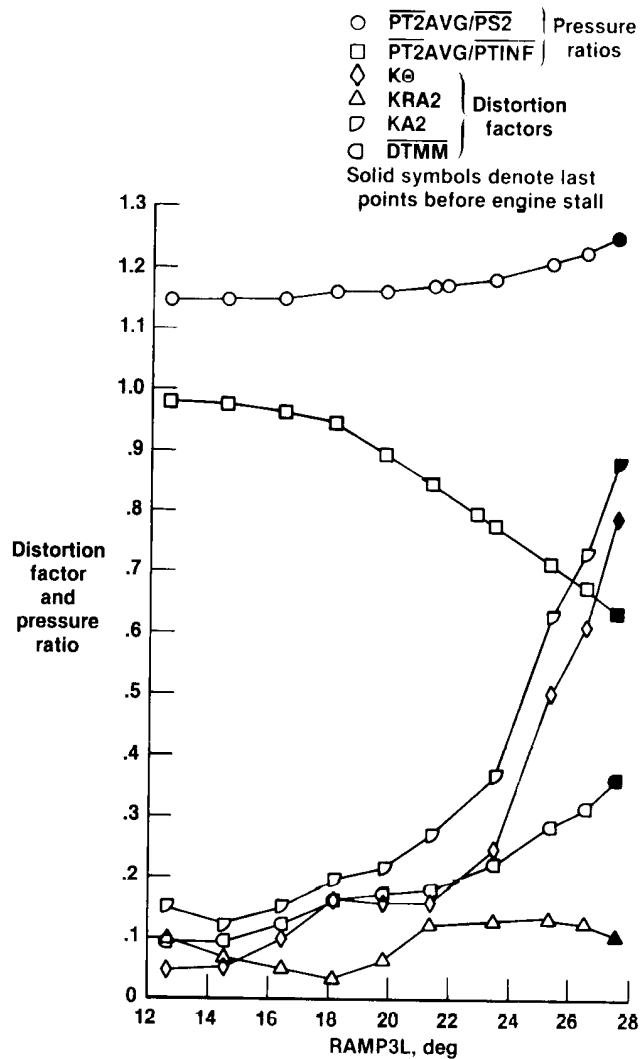


(b) Run 2. Mach 0.9; altitude = 9140 m (30,000 ft); WAC, percent = 101 to 103.

Figure 8. Distortion factor and pressure ratio as a function of inlet third ramp angle.

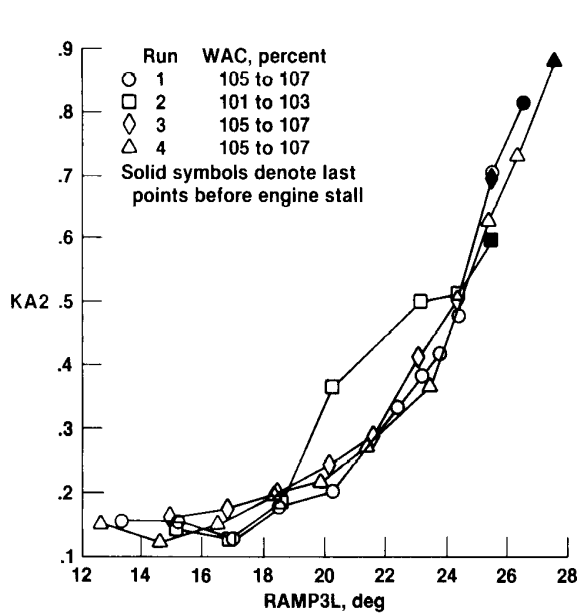


(c) Run 3. Mach 0.8; altitude = 12,190 m (40,000 ft); WAC, percent = 105 to 107.

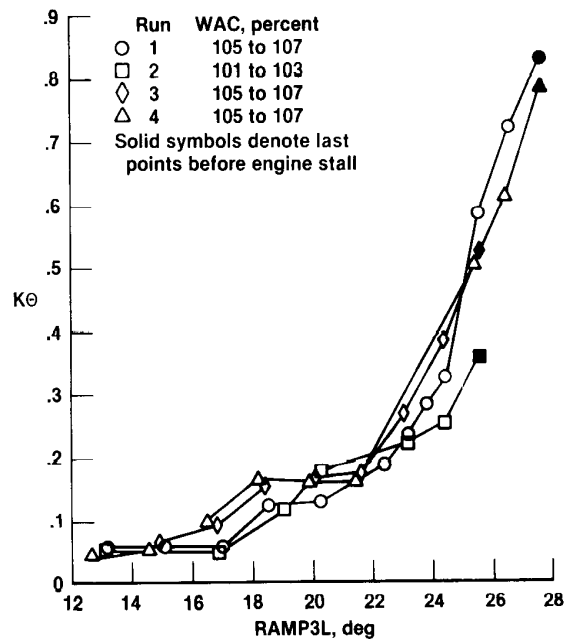


(d) Run 4. Mach 0.8; altitude = 9140 m (30,000 ft); WAC, percent = 105 to 107.

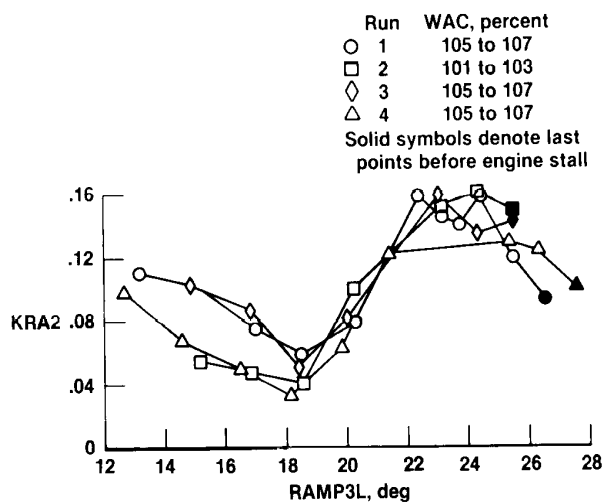
Figure 8. Concluded.



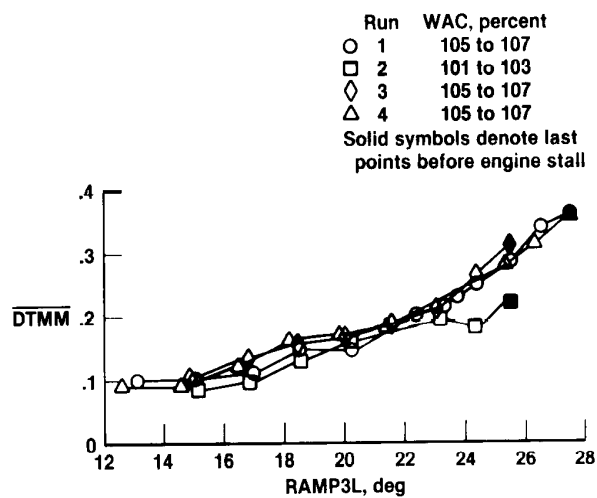
(a) KA2 distortion factor.



(b) $K\theta$ distortion factor.

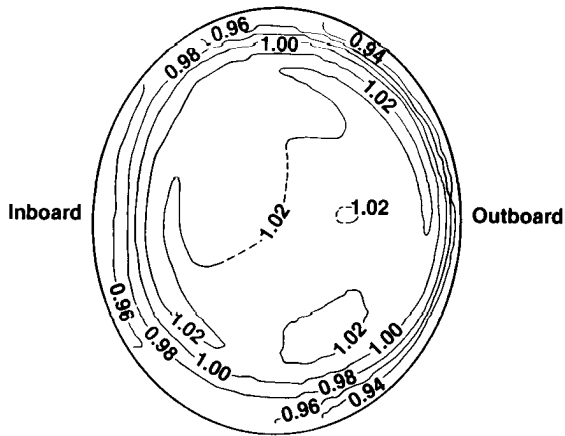


(c) KRA2 distortion factor.

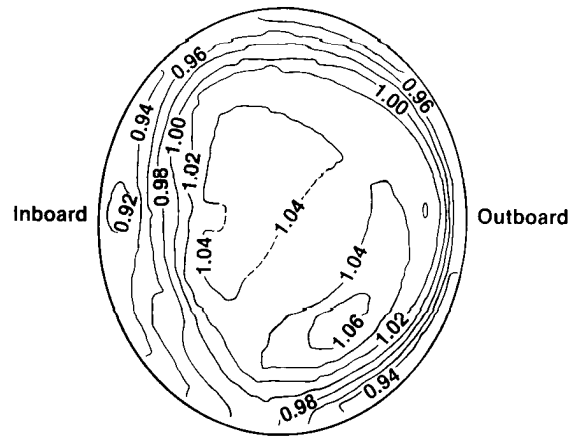


(d) DTMM distortion factor.

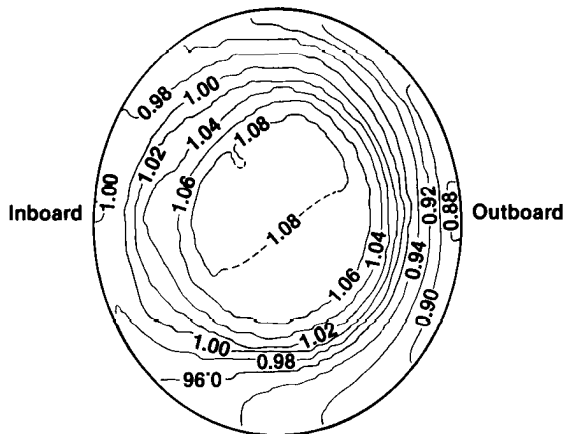
Figure 9. Distortion factors as a function of inlet third ramp angle.



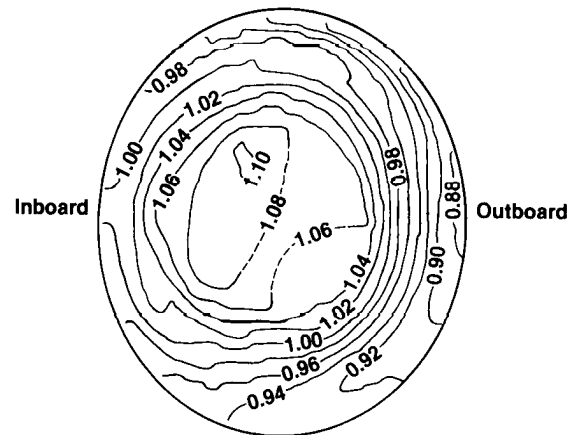
(a) Ramp angle = 15.1° ;
 PT2AVG = 30.25 kPa;
 KA2 = 0.295;
 K θ = 0.0584;
 KRA2 = 0.1024;
 DTMM = 0.01048; and
 WAC, percent = 106.64.



(b) Ramp angle = 18.5° ;
 PT2AVG = 29.16 kPa;
 KA2 = 0.26054;
 K θ = 0.1222;
 KRA2 = 0.0596;
 DTMM = 0.1504; and
 WAC, percent = 106.80.

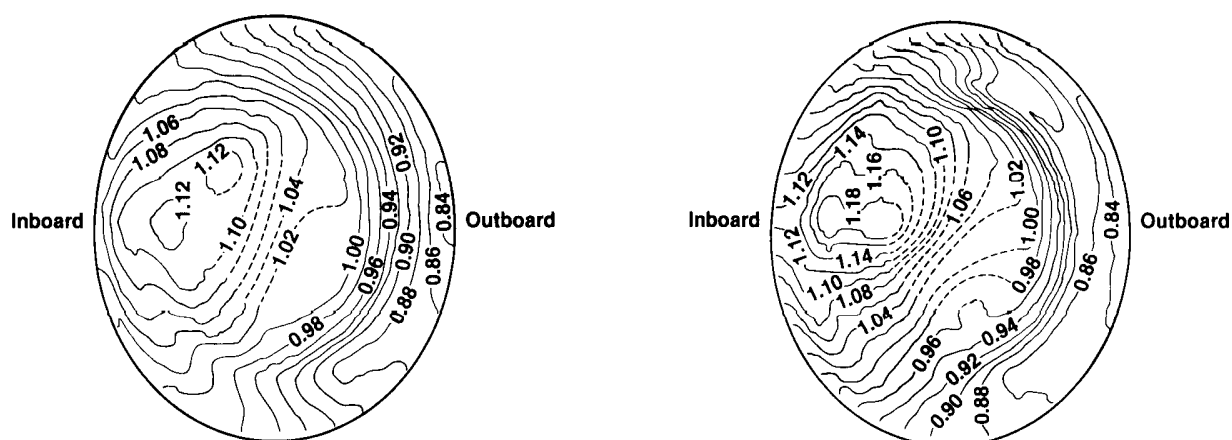


(c) Ramp angle = 22.4° ;
 PT2AVG = 26.00 kPa;
 KA2 = 0.5508;
 K θ = 0.1861;
 KRA2 = 0.1589;
 DTMM = 0.2029; and
 WAC, percent = 106.3.



(d) Ramp angle = 23.8° ;
 PT2AVG = 24.66 kPa;
 KA2 = 0.6042;
 K θ = 0.2820;
 KRA2 = 0.1401;
 DTMM = 0.2320; and
 WAC, percent = 105.94.

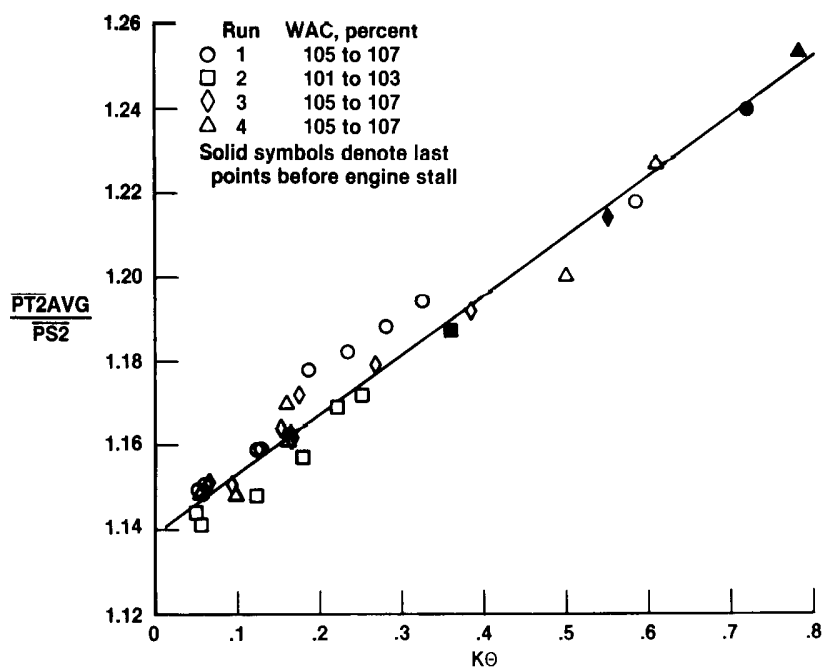
Figure 10. Engine-face pressure contour map, Run 1. Mach 0.9; altitude = 12,190 m (40,000 ft).



(e) Ramp angle = 25.5°;
 PT2AVG = 22.48 kPa;
 KA2 = 0.8634;
 K θ = 0.586;
 KRA2 = 0.1198;
 DTMM = 0.2871; and
 WAC, percent = 105.80.

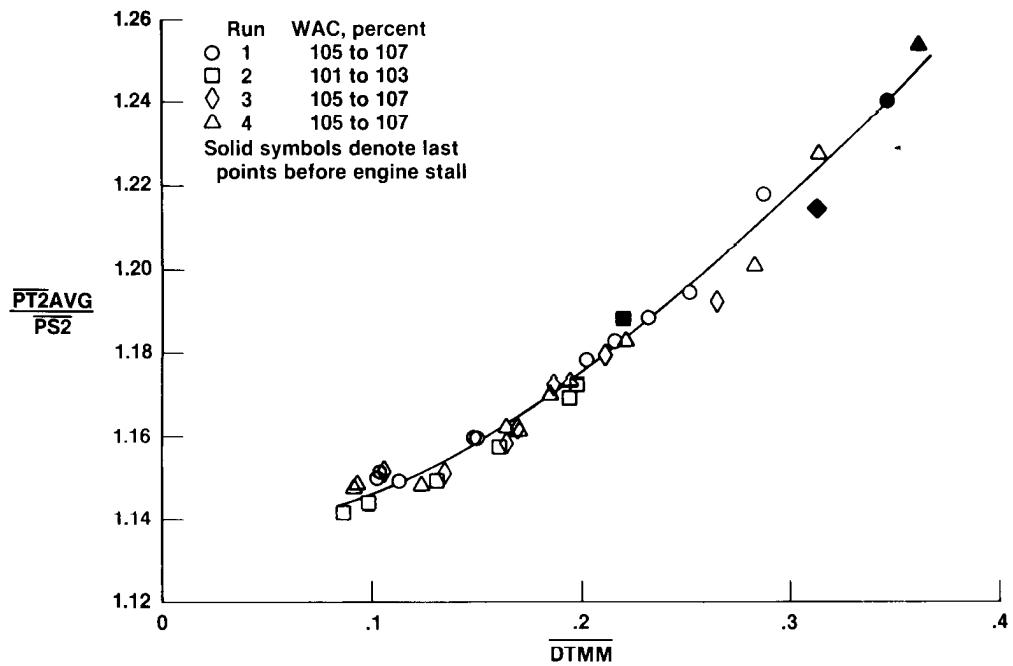
(f) Ramp angle = 27.5°;
 PT2AVG = 20.37 kPa;
 KA2 = 1.156;
 K θ = 0.820;
 KRA2 = 0.1306;
 DTMM = 0.3643; and
 WAC, percent = 105.35.

Figure 10. Concluded.

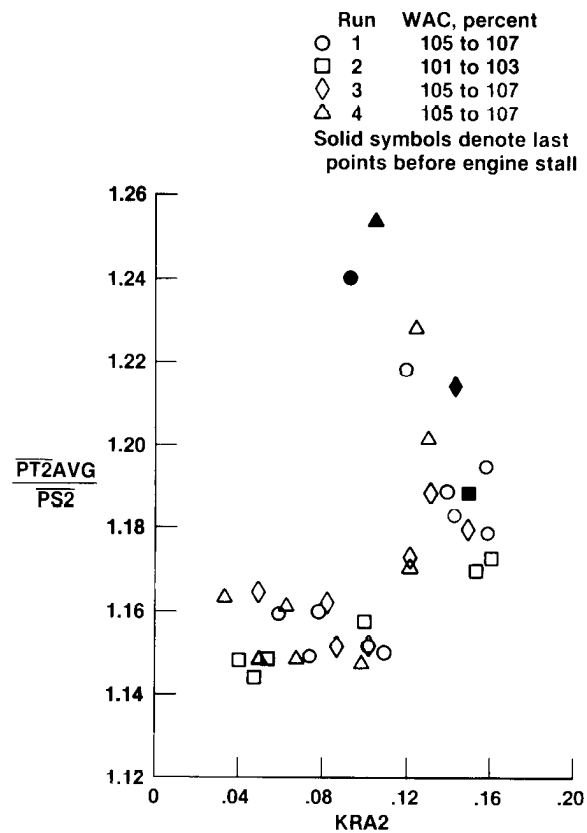


(a) K θ distortion factor.

Figure 11. Ratio of inlet total to static pressure as a function of distortion factor.

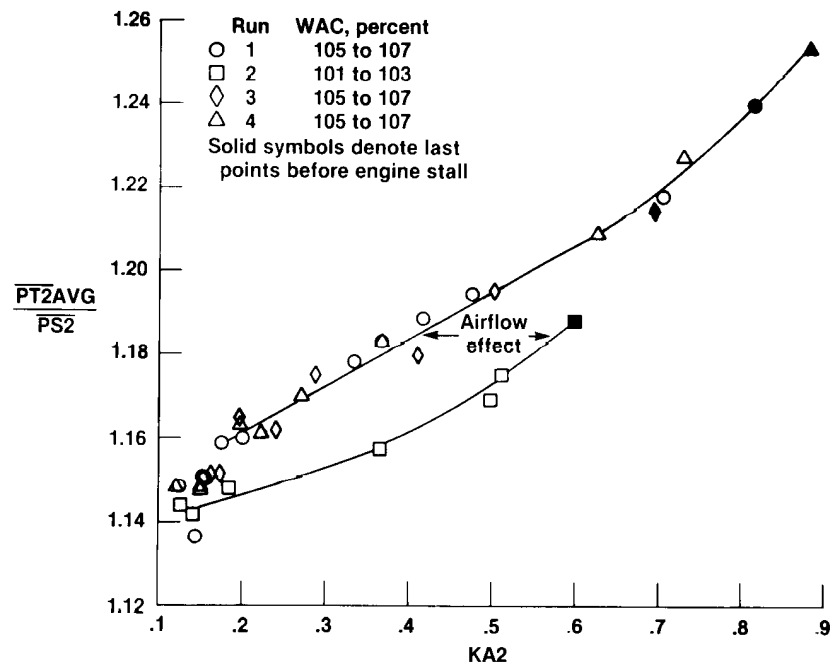


(b) DTMM distortion factor.



(c) KRA2 distortion factor.

Figure 11. Continued.



(d) KA2 distortion factor.

Figure 11. Concluded.

